

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**July 9, 2023 9:30 A.M.
Pastor Gary Mulder**

**Guest Speaker – Collin Vander Wal
Lay Leader – Elder Dori Ohm**

Organ: Carol Kleinjan
Keyboard: Karen Knutson

PRELUDE
WELCOME
CALL TO WORSHIP
SONGS OF PRAISE: *The Heart of Worship • His Mercy is More
Open the Eyes of My Heart*

- * OPENING PRAYER
- * GREETING ONE ANOTHER

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Jefferis Family
PRAISE MINISTRY: *Your Name* - Paisley Raml
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

- * HYMN: 285 – *He Lives*
- SCRIPTURE: Philippians 3:7-10 p. 1827
- MESSAGE: **Relationships**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING (General Fund and Volga Christian School)
CHILDREN'S OFFERING (Compassion Child)
(Please sign the friendship pads as the offering is received)

- * DOXOLOGY
- * OFFERTORY PRAYER
- * HYMN: 448 – *Higher Ground*
- * CLOSING PRAYER
- * CLOSING SONG: 310 – *I Know Whom I Have Believed* (verse 1)

***Please stand if you are able**

TODAY

WELCOME to all members and guests worshiping with us at FRC today. As we draw near unto God, may we know what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We welcome Collin Vander Wal as our guest speaker this morning. Collin is an FRC member and an area rep for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Please join us in the fellowship hall after the morning service for a time of fellowship. The family of **Harold and Betty Beukelman** is serving cake today in honor of their parent's 60th wedding anniversary.

SERVING THE LORD TODAY

Greeters: Doug, Ruth and Justin Peters
Ushers: Bryon Mullett and Allen Van Hoepen
Coffee: The Beukelman Family
Nursery: (for newborns–4 years of age) –
Wiekie Vandermeer and Polly Vander Wal
Library: Susan

DAKOTA SUN ASSISTED LIVING SERVICE:

The following are encouraged to attend and worship with the residents at 11 a.m.: Larry & Barb, Chr., Rollyn & Beth, Brian Callesen, Jan Clapp, Dan & Melanie, Ron & Karen, Bernita Kooima, Bruce & Dawn, Patricia Mast, Dave Nettleton, Bob & Joan, Doug & Ruth, Caleb & Emily, Keith & Shirley, James & Missy, Kyle & Allyson, Sako & Wiekie

NEXT SUNDAY – (July 16)

A men's group will begin the worship service by leading us in some hymns. Darwin Husby will be providing ministry of praise. Pastor Gary's message will focus on the power of our testimony.

**THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES
FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH**

MONDAY: 7 p.m. – Fresh Hope
7 p.m. – Worship Team Devotions – Charles Sapp

TUESDAY: 7 p.m. – MESA Team

WEDNESDAY: 8:30 p.m. – Men’s Evening Discipleship Group

THURSDAY: 2 p.m – Ladies’ Bible Study Lesson 5
Romans 3:19-26 – *Satisfaction for Sin*
Leader – Barb Refreshments – Susan

7 p.m. – New Member Class
(Please call Pastor Gary to let him know if you are interested in attending this class.)

FUTURE DATES:

July 15.....	Prayer Time
July 17.....	Consistory
July 19.....	Men’s Discipleship
July 20.....	Dakota Sun
July 22-26.....	Rocky Mountain High

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Marion Mulder was admitted to the Brookings Hospital this week for breathing problems. She has returned to her home. She is feeling better and wishes to thank you for your prayers.

Your on-going prayers for others in need of healing and those taking treatments would also be appreciated: **Whitney Goetsch, Jen Greene, Tammy Keinath, Jodi Koerner, Bernita Kooima, Dawn Lucas, and Bill Van Beek**

A note from Jen Greene – I had an appointment last week and the transplant is still looking good. My epithelial had grown over! It is very thin around perimeter of transplant, but they will leave that alone for now and watch closely. They can always do a larger transplant later on or somehow patch it. I’m still doing drops and oral meds. We won’t worry about vision for 6-12 months. I had a reaction to the medication I was on causing my liver enzymes to spike and has caused a full body red, itchy, painful rash. I want to let everyone know how much I appreciate and have relied upon your prayers – as I know you have prayed. I feel so blessed to have a wonderful church family.. and of course, a loving God who hears and answers! Thank you for your love and support. – Jen

lease continue to pray for **Howard Rozendal** who resides at Homestead Assisted Living in Lake Norden.

Pastor Gary will be back in the office on Monday morning.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR CADET INTERNATIONAL CAMP HICKORY There will be 800 boys and counselors along with 150 staff at this week-long wilderness camp by Dunville, Ontario (30 west of Niagara Falls) on July 19-26. Please pray for safety in travel to and from, fun for boys and counselors attending and God working in the boy’s hearts as they experience a closeness to Him during this week. Attending from the Volga Cadet club are: Steve Van Heerde, Riley Van Heerde and Luke Tjerdsma. The group will be leaving early on Monday, July 17 and return Thursday night, July 27. Your prayers and support would be appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH PRAYER PARTNERS: It won’t be long before 11 students and 3 sponsors climb in a bus and head to Estes Park, Colorado to experience Rocky Mountain. We are looking for prayer support for our students and leaders. We would like one (possibly more) person(s) spending time in fervent prayer for each of them while on the trip. Pray for safety, a powerful spiritual experience, and stamina because they will have lots of activities with possibly little sleep. Along with the prayers, it would be nice if you could send a note to them. A sign-up sheet is posted on ‘the ladder’ in the fellowship hall. Please support our youth as they seek to encounter Jesus at Rocky this year.

REIMBURSEMENT: If you turn in an expense for reimbursement from the church treasurer, please include information about who is to be reimbursed and what “team expense” is to be charged. Thank you.

NEXT SUNDAY, July 16
Greeters: Wayne and Deb Ulvestad
Ushers: Bryon Mullett and Allen Van Hoepen
Coffee: John Sapp Family
Nursery: Melissa Olson and Lindsey Vander Wal
Library – Michelle Vande Weerd
Offering – General Fund and Building Fund

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